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Pop tax solution? Nelson and Heck think so

By Christopher Swindell

Although the dean of the School of Medicine at Marshall says he doesn't think it's the best long-range solution, at least two state lawmakers claim there is sufficient support for a proposed 5-cent soft drink tax for West Virginia's three medical schools.

Sen. Homer Heck, D-Cabell, said because of the outcome of the recent election, there are more senators who are pro-medical education this session. "We have more clout, and hopefully

more support for the tax," he said.

The bill would increase the current 1-cent tax now solely for the West Virginia University Medical School, to 5 cents to be divided among WVU, Marshall and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Both Heck and Sen. Robert Nelson, D-Cabell, the bill's sponsor, said they agree the major opposition will come from the House of Delegates, particularly Del. Charles Polan Jr., D-Cabell, chairman of the House Committee on Finance.

Nelson said Polan's claims that an increase on the pop tax would drive border county West Virginians out-of-state to buy pop are without basis.

Polan was unavailable for comment. Nelson also said he thinks there will be moves to put what money is appropriated for medical education into the general fund, a move he said would be dangerous to Marshall.

"While we have the strength to lock-in funds for the other two schools (Marshall and the Osteopathic school), let's do it and not beg the question," Nelson said.

However, Dr. Robert W. Coon, vice-president and dean of the School of Medicine, said he favors putting money into the general fund instead of a fixed tax.

"Dedicated taxes yield fixed funds that don't keep pace with inflation," Coon said. "It provides a short-term solution, but in the long-run, it leads to problems."

The Board of Regents has requested as part of its Legislative package an increase to 3 cents from 1 cent on the tax.

Promotion of concert possible group effort

By Tami Wysong

Huntington Civic Center officials and representatives of Marshall University will probably work together in promoting the 1983 Homecoming Concert, Sen. Michael A. Brison, South Charleston sophomore, said.

Representatives from the civic center and the MU Student Activities Board and Student Government Association met Tuesday to discuss future cooperation between the two in coordinating concerts and events, Brison said.

Meeting with Richard Cobb and Ray Lyles of the civic center were Dr. Nell C. Bailey, dean of student affairs; Don E. Robertson, assistant dean of student life; Mary Ann Thomas, associate dean of student life; Phillip L. Silberstein, coordinator of student activities; Russ Bowers, concert committee chairperson; Jennifer K. Fraley, Moorefield senior and Student Government president; James F. Fain, St. Albans senior and Student Government vice president; and Brison.

MU representatives are also going to continue talks with the civic center on developing a system of selling students priority tickets and giving students discounts on those tickets, Brison said.

Students will be more supportive of concerts if they are receiving priority tickets and discounts, he said.

He said plans were also made for the Student Activities Concert Committee to survey students on their musical tastes within the next two weeks.

Such a survey would give the committee an indication of the types of concerts students would be most responsive to, he said.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the concert committee should get in touch with Bowers at the Student Activities Office, MSC Room 2W38, Brison said.

The next concert committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Room 2W38, he said.



Can you dig it?

Landscaping for the new Marshall baseball field at University Heights which took place earlier this semester is supervised by Ken Raban, who donated the work for the project. Athletic Director Lynn J. Snyder said the sodding phase will begin after excavation of the field which may be completed soon.

Wednesday, Green Velvet Sod Farms of Bellbrook, Ohio, was awarded a \$7,440 contract to install sod for the new baseball field. Photo by Kevin Gergely.

ACT SCORES:

Admissions director says results will improve

By Sarabeth Plymale

The declining American College Test scores of the past 10 years are expected to level off and possibly rise in the next two or three years, according to Dr. James W. Harless, director of admissions.

Harless said he expects scores to rise in the next few years because high schools are now making requirements harder and not giving the students a choice of classes they want if they are planning on going to college.

"In the past 10 years overall scores have fallen because students have been given the option of taking easier

requirements in high school. Students can choose to take easier courses and their skills are not as high as they should be," Harless said.

The overall composite score at Marshall was 17.5 in 1981. That was below the national average of 18.5, according to a release from the office of Institutional Research.

Scores in natural sciences are highest, while scores in English and social studies are about average. Mathematics scores are the lowest at Marshall, with the average being 15.2 as compared to 17.3 for the national average.

Harless said the mathematics average is lower because students with the

math ability don't enroll at Marshall because there is no engineering program offered.

"Most students with the good math schools go on to enroll in an engineering program," Harless said. "Since Marshall does not have an engineering program most students with the math skills go elsewhere and so the average is lower."

He said this is not a bad reflection on Marshall University students.

"If math scores are low there is a difficulty in the performance but skills are better for students that are in the other colleges and they perform with little difficulty."

MU invitational tickets; why are they not here?

By Diane Romanosky

Tickets for the Marshall Memorial Invitational (MMI) basketball tournament set for Dec. 10-11 will be sold by Student Alumni Association members, according to Tina Hardman, Weston senior and promotion and publicity coordinator of the association.

But, for some reason the student tickets have not arrived at the Alumni Affairs Office yet.

Mary Abrams, secretary of the Office said, "Joe Wortham, the ticket manager, told us the season tickets have arrived, but the student tickets were shipped separately, and Wortham is not sure when the tickets will be delivered, she said.

Hardman said the tickets will cost \$5 per student for the entire tournament.

The MMI participants are Brown University, LaSalle College of Philadelphia, Texas A & M University, and Marshall.

"The Student Alumni Association (SAA) in cooperation with Lynn J. Snyder, MU athletic director, is receiving 3,400 tickets to sell," Hardman said. The total number of tickets sold by SAA last year was 641.

Mark Hayes, Huntington senior and co-membership coordinator said, "The low response was due to the tournament being held over Christmas break."

Hardman said for each ticket sold over 641, the SAA will receive \$1 profit per ticket and if all 3,400 tickets are sold, the association will receive \$2,759 profit.

"The association is progressing very well since the board of directors constructed the bylaws and constitution," Hardman said.

The tickets which are sold by the SAA are to be sold to Marshall students and high school students only, Hardman said. "We will try to save the better seats for the Marshall students and then sell the remaining seats to the high school students."

Suspended players retain scholarships

By Tom Aluise

Two Marshall football players, who were suspended indefinitely from the team two weeks ago by Coach Sonny Randle for violating team rules, are currently still on scholarship, Athletic Director Lynn Snyder said.

Snyder said the players' scholarships will be retained next semester.

He said termination of an athletic scholarship requires a recommendation from the coach to the athletic director, who then reviews the case.

A recommendation is then made to the Financial Aid Office, which is the ultimate authority in the matter, Snyder said.

The players, who were suspended before the Herd's game at Virginia Military Institute, did not appeal the dismissal and to his knowledge, do not have any intention to do so, Snyder said.

He said three routes could have been taken if the players did appeal.

One appeal process would be directly to the coach, with a second option being an appeal to the athletic director. The final means of appeal would be to go through an appeals committee consisting of representatives from the Athletic Department.

Snyder said he was notified of the incident and its nature but did not make a report to the Athletic Committee. He said the committee is not involved with athletic suspensions.

Randle, when questioned about the incident involving his players, would only say, "It's a team matter and a family affair."

Snyder said Randle's approach was justifiable.

"I'm in total agreement with Coach Randle that it was a matter involving the football team and should remain that way," Snyder said. "I feel very strongly it was an internal affair and there was no obligation to make a public statement."

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Poor basketball scheduling hurts first-game attendance

It's about that time again. Time for another exciting season of Thundering Herd basketball.

The Herd takes to the court Monday evening in an exhibition game against Marathon Oil, but officially opens its season against St. Francis Nov. 27, two days after Thanksgiving Day, in Henderson Center.

Each year, Herd fans eagerly await basketball season, especially after another disappointing football season. The thunder that Herd fans make in a crowded Henderson Center rarely is matched, and few things are as exciting as when the ball drops through the hoop.

One of the most exciting moments of any team's basketball season is the first home game. However, because of poor scheduling by the Athletic Department, many Marshall students once again will not be able to join in the celebration and excitement of the first official game because they still will be away for Thanksgiving break.

The question is why? What about the students who would like to attend all Herd home games, including the opening one? Why does the Athletic Department seem to ignore them?

The schedule is done several years in advance. However, because it is not hard to figure out Thanksgiving is about the same time each year, the scheduling of the opening game is questionable.

We realize it is too late to do anything about this year's opening game, and perhaps even the next few years'. But for all future seasons not scheduled already, it seems feasible simply to move the opening game up or back one week.

Such scheduling would demonstrate the Athletic Department's interest in Marshall students, and not simply in its own interests. If steps are taken now for future seasons, more Thundering Herd fans who are students will be able to enjoy the excitement of the first game.

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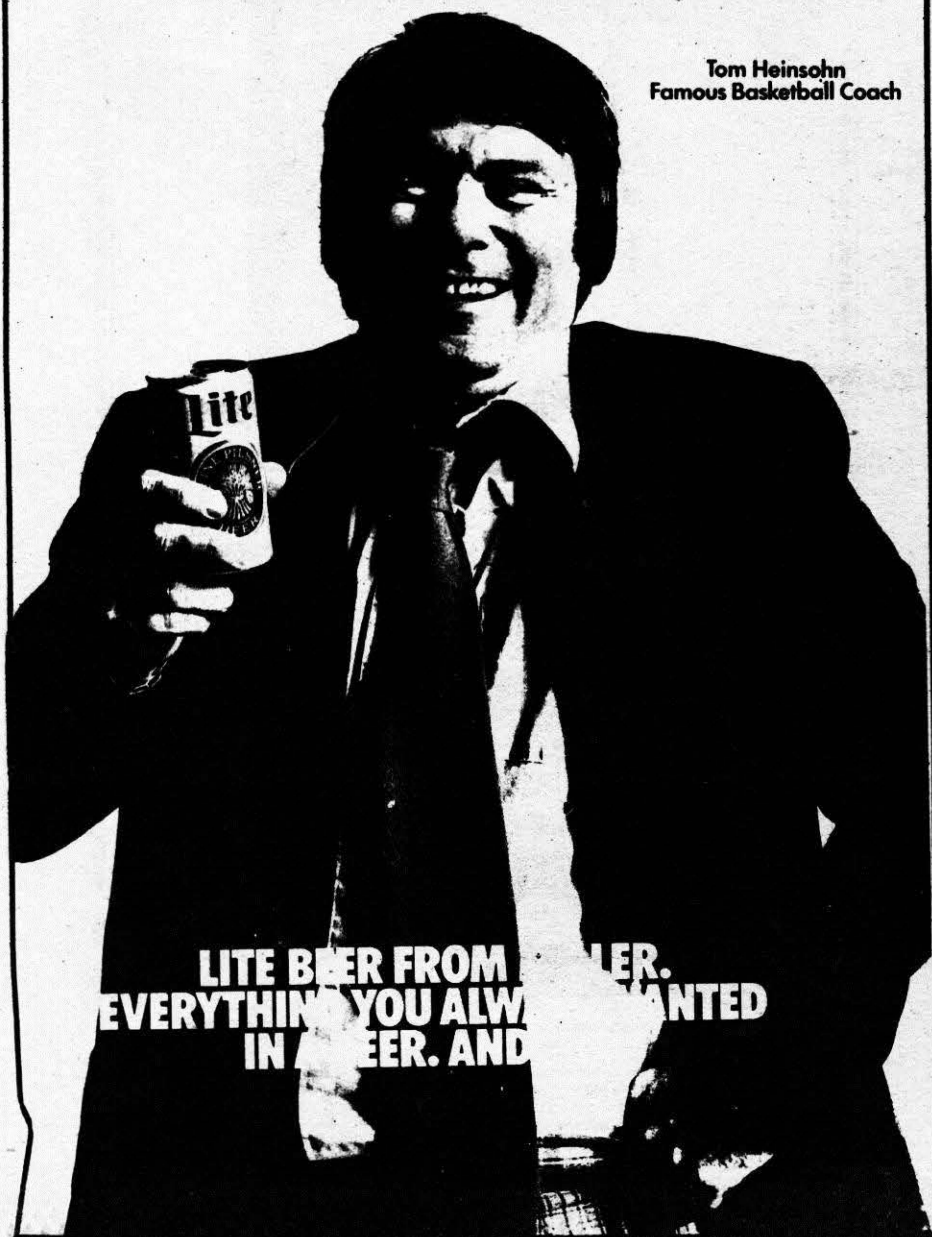
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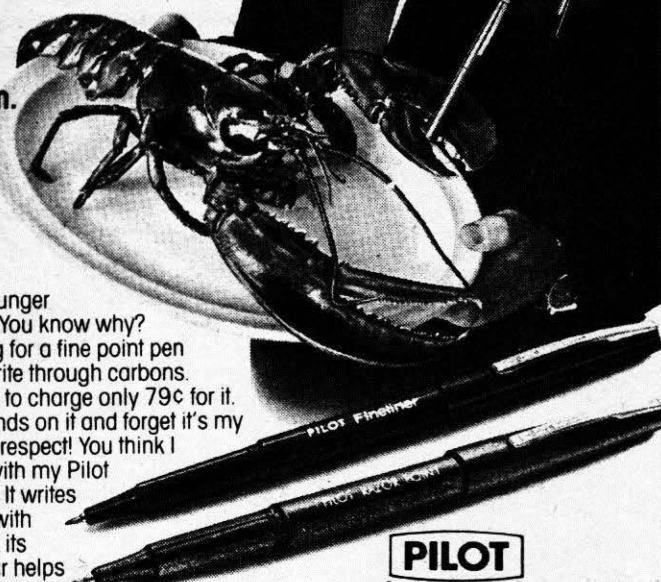
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Heights, commuter positions open

Senate taking applications for seats

By Tami Wysong

Applications are now being accepted for two Student Senate seats, Kyle A. "Kookie" Adams, Summersville senior and senate president, said at Tuesday's meeting.

A University Heights seat and a commuter seat are available, Adams said.

He said the University Heights seat was not filled in the Oct. 7 senate election because, no one from the constituency ran for the seat and no write-in votes were cast.

The commuter seat became available Tuesday when Joseph Caro II, Huntington junior, resigned from the senate, Adams said.

He said students interested in either position may obtain applications in

the Memorial Student Center, Room 2W29.

In other action, Sen. Christopher S. Burnside, Barboursville junior, said a special student committee to study faculty evaluations has been formed.

Immediate plans for the committee include drawing up a questionnaire to distribute to department chairmen, Burnside said. The questionnaire would deal with departmental sentiment concerning evaluations, he said.

Burnside said the idea of looking into faculty evaluations originated Oct. 18 at the West Virginia Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference in Wheeling.

Distribution of another questionnaire, one to ask residence hall students for their opinions on swimming

and laundry facilities, the ticket sales policy for basketball games and the residence hall policy on alcohol, was unanimously approved by the senate.

Also, an amendment to the by-laws, calling for senate meetings to last no longer than one hour and 30 minutes, was referred to the rules committee.

If ratified, the amendment would allow an extension of this time limit by a two-thirds majority vote of senators.

Another amendment, one which would permit the senate president, pro-tempore and parliamentarian to sit on any committee but, would not allow them to chair a committee, was also referred to the rules committee.

The two amendments were sponsored by Sen. Jane L. Daugherty, Huntington junior, and Burnside.


Giveaway expert to tell how to get available money

Matthew Lesko, an authority on government giveaway programs, will speak today at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center W. Don Morris Room.

Lesko is the founder of Washington Researchers, a firm that helps people draw on the government's information resources.

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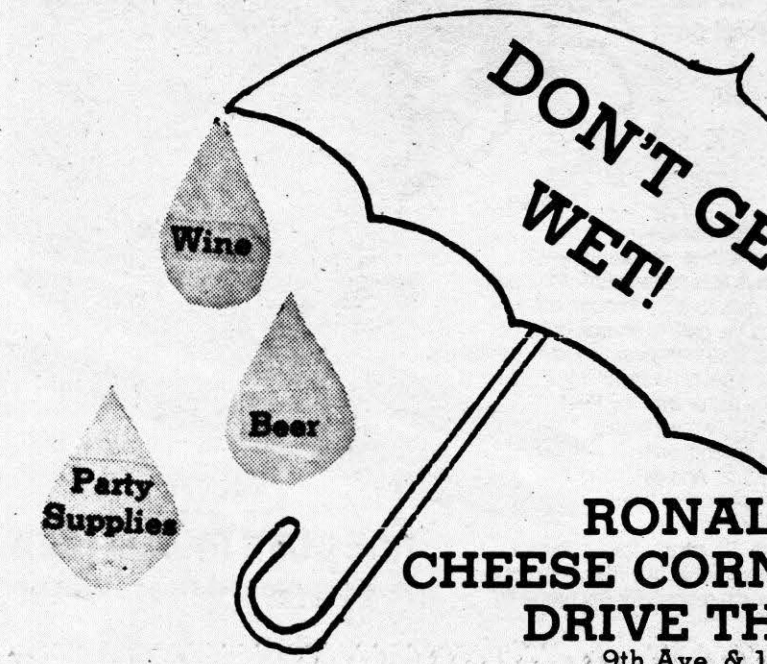
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